



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application: Subrata Mokerji Group Art Unit: 1775
Serial No.: 10/073,527 Examiner: Andrew Piziali
Filing Date: February 11, 2002 Docket No.: MDYNE/Z002
(formerly) 500-3013-U

Title: Zirconium Nitride Coating Having A Top Layer Thereon

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**AMENDMENT SUBMITTED WITH
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action dated August 12, 2003, Applicant herein presents amendments to the claims not entered during two after-final responses. As discussed below, Applicant spoke with Examiner Piziali on August 27, 2003, regarding the outstanding issues identified in the Advisory Action. Applicant appreciates Examiner Piziali's further discussion regarding the subject matter of the Advisory Action and in discussing the claim amendments previously present. While no conclusion was reached, as discussed, Applicant herein provides claim amendments as provided in the Second Request for Reconsideration.

The Advisory Action dated August 11 indicates a period for reply ending as of the mailing date of the Advisory Action. Therefore, Applicant hereby requests a one-month extension of time in which to file an RCE to include this amendment. The petition for extension is enclosed herewith.

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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter the following amendments to the present application.